(1) Shri A. B. Patwardhan, Ambassa dor of India to Vietnam.

(2) Smt. S. Patwardhan, Wife of the Indian Ambassador

(3) Master H. Patwardhan, Son of the Indian Ambassador

(4) Dr. D. R. Bansal, Director De partment of Education New Delhi

(5) Dr. S. K. Saini. Reader, popula tion Education Cell, NCERT New Delhi

(6^ Dr. R. M. Mishra. Director Pop- ulation Education Cell and Principal Stale Institute of Education. Allahabad.

(7) Shri H. S. Gill, Director, SISE cV: Population Education Project, Co. No. 66-67, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh.

(8) Shri S. A. Ramakrishna Rao, Director DSERT & Population Cell, Bangalor. Karnataka.

(9) Dr. B. K. Bali. Director, SCERT & P. E. Cell, Solan (Himachal Prades'h)

(10) Dr. I. P. Mowani, Director, State Institute of Education and Population Education Cell Raikhad, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

(11) Mr. S. Devdas, Representative *Of* Cimmco in Hanoi (Vietnam)

(b) The Vietnam airlines plane had a total complement of 80 persons of these 74 were killed in the tragic accident, six were hospitalized in serious condition. There was no Indian national among the survivors.

(c) According 1_0 reports the plane cra shed about six kilomoters from Don Muang International Airport, Bangkok. As a result of this crash, it exploded and burst into flames. It was also reported that it may have been struck by lightning in the storm that was raging in the area. The Govt, of Vietnam is conducting an en quiry regarding this disaster.

(d) Mandatory compensation is to be naid by t'he Civil Aviation Authorities of Vietnam. Our Embassy in Hanoi has heen told that compensation will be gov- erned by the Warsaw Convention and the Hague Protocol. According to these, compensation for each passenger would be 250,000 Frencch Gold Frances (Approximately Rs. 3 lakhs). Compensation for baggage will be @ 250 French Gold Francs (Approximately Rs. 300) per Kg. and an amount of 5000 French Gold Francs (approximately Rs. 6000) for hand carried baggage per person.

All passengers travelling on the Vietnam Airlines are insured with the Vietnam In- surance Company. This company is ex pected to notify shortly t'he procedures for getting compensation.

Facilities were accorded for the return of the bodies to India, by air, at the cost of Government of India. UNDP and the employer respectively.

Refugees infiltration from Burma

731. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF- FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any refugee infiltration from Burma has taken place in India with the beginning of the current mass movement against the military dictatorship in t'nat country;

(b) if so, what is the extent of such infiltrations and the number of refugees accommodated, so far; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to stop such infiltrations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 8-11-1988, 204 Burmese re fugees had entered India and have been given shelter.

(c) In line with India's humanitarian traditions. Government does not intend to use force to prevent such refugees from entering nor to force them back, to death or prison.